

## City of Charlotte MOU for DBE Information

### **Background**

The City of Charlotte has developed and is implementing a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program – similar to NCDOT's MB/WB Program and the federal DBE program administered by the Department.

The City needs DBE information to populate DBE certification data for existing City of Charlotte vendors within the City's financial system. The City's system is used to track and report DBE compliance. Data between the two systems (NCDOT Directory of Transportation Firms) and (City of Charlotte system) is matched based on vendor tax identification number and will be transferred via Secure FTP.

This data is necessary for the City to perform its duties and responsibilities with regard to administering, enforcing and reporting on the City's federally required DBE Program. This capability will enable the City to track and report the amounts paid to individual DBE firms and to specific categories of DBE firms.

This is the first agreement in which DBE data is transferred from NCDOT to another agency or municipality to be utilized for tracking or compliance.

NCDOT is not required to provide this information. However, in an effort to provide GREAT customer service and because Charlotte is a member of NCDOT's Unified Certification Program (UCP), NCDOT is providing this to support the City's DBE program. State law allows the information to be transferred to another government entity when the data transfer is necessary for the performance of that entity's duties.